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SUBJECT: PLO VISAS

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE

REF CAIRO 8930 STATE 247648 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACCORDING MFA, PLO ADVANCE SECURITY MAN ALI HASSAN SALAMAH WAS TO COME TO CAIRO TODAY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ADVANCE PLO SECURITY TEAM, WHICH EGYPTIANS HAD SUGGESTED, AT OUR REQUEST, BE SENT TO NY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONSULT WITH USSS. AT MIDNIGHT THIS EVENING, USAMA AL-BAZ, ONE OF FAHMY'S PRINCIPAL AIDES, CALLED TO SAY SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED SHORTLY BEFORE WITH VISITING PLO DELEGATES AND PLO NOW REQUESTS FOLLOWING:

2. ADVANCE MEN: DUE TO THE THE SHORTAGE OF TIME, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DESPATCH ADVANCE SECURITY MEN FROM THE PALESTINIAN SIDE. HOWEVER, TWO MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION ARE AUTHORIZED TO COORDINATE WITH THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES INsofar AS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONCERNED:

MOHAMED SAID WASFI KAMAL WHO HOLDS AN EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT (7154)M

NABIL SHAATH WHO HOLDS A TUNISIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND
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REPORTEDLY WAS ISSUED A VISA BY AMEMBASSY TUNIS.

THESE TWO MEMBERS ARE PLANNING TO BE IN NEW YORK ON
ON MONDAY, NOV 11 ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY FROM
BEIRUT TO PARIS: DEPARTURE MONDAY NOV 11 AT 3:20 AM
AF 187 FROM PARIS TO NYC SAME DAY AT 1300 AF 077.

TRAVELING WITH THEM WILL BE FAROUK QUADOUMY WHO IS HOLDING
AN EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

3. PLO ALSO REQUESTS VISAS BE AUTHORIZED FOR ADDITIONAL NINETEEN
MEMBERS OF PLO DELEGATION TO BE ISSUED WITH ONE EXCEPTION
(SEE PARA 5 BELOW) IN BEIRUT. ONE OF THESE IF YASIR ARAFAT,
TRAVELING UNDER ASSUMED NAME MOHAMED CHERIF BEN ALI AND
CARRYING ALGERIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. PLO REPS TOLD GOE
ALL OF THESE NAMES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED TO UN. LIST IS SUPPOSED
TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF PLO DELEGATION. ACCORDING AL-BAZ,
SOME OF INFORMATION PROVIDED I.E. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH IS
FICTITIOUS, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHICH IS SO.
HE EXPLAINED PLO REPS INSISTED SUCH FICTITIOUS INFORMATION
BE GIVEN FOR "SECURITY PURPOSES". LIST BEING SENT BY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SEPTTEL, SUBJECT BOULDER NAME
CHECK - SPECIAL CASES. IT WILL BE NOTED NONE OF NAMES
ON LIST ARE THOSE INCLUDED IN LIST SENT BEIRUT 13389.
PERHAPS UN SECRETARIAT CAN CLARIFY SINCE ABOVE NAMES HAVE
REPORTEDLY BEEN SENT TO UN SECRETARIAT.

4. TRAVEL PLANS FOR YASIR ARAFAT AND OTHERS WHOSE NAMES
APPEAR ON THE LIST AFTER HIS NAME HAVE NOT BEEN SET UNTIL
THIS MOMENT. THEY ARE THINKING OF A SPECIAL PLANE BUT
NOTHING HAS MATERIALIZED. ARAFAT HAS ASKED GOE TO PROVIDE
ONE OF ITS AIRCRAFT BUT MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

5. AL-BAZ STATED ARAFAT IS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIS
VISA ISSUED IN CAIRO TOMORROW, SUNDAY BEFORE 3:00 PM IF
POSSIBLE, AT WHICH TIME HIS ADVANCE LIAISON MEN NOW IN CAIRO
WILL LEAVE FOR BEIRUT.

6. COMMENT: ACCORDING OUR CALCULATION, TOTAL SIZE OF DELEGATION
AS GIVEN BY PLO REPS TO GOE NUMBER 22. THIS IS CLEARLY HIGHER
THAN AUTHORIZED DELEGATION SIZE INDICATED USUN 4886. THERE MAY
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BE SOME EXPLANATION KNOWN TO UN SECRETARIAT, BUT WE DO NOT
EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY PLO IS TRYING TO USE GOE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR
LARGER SIZE DELEGATION. AL-BAZ PROFESSED NOT TO BE AWARE OF
ANY LIMITATION ON PLO DELEGATION SIZE SET BY UN, BUT KNEW
OF EFFORTS TO KEEP DELEGATION AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE.
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